

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 201
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A RESOLUTION to honor James Arthur Pry on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, James Arthur Pry is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 16 years with the state of Tennessee as Custodial Foreman at Columbia State Community College ; and

WHEREAS, his service to the first community college in Tennessee was marked by quality service and a caring attitude toward students and staff; and

WHEREAS, James Arthur Pry exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, known as Jim to his many friends and acquaintances, he is a native of the "Buckeye" state, born in Lorain, Ohio on July 9, 1934; and

WHEREAS, he served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pry worked for 14 years at Ford Motor Company before relocating to the "Volunteer State", settling in Lynnville in Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pry is blessed, for he shares love and companionship with his lovely wife of 30 years, Freda Randall Pry, and son, Randall; and

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WHEREAS, in 1990, Jim and Freda moved to their home in Columbia, where they will continue to live during retirement; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pry's service to Columbia State has been exceptional; despite limited resources, his efforts sustained a high level of support to one of the state's fastest growing community colleges; and

WHEREAS, his staff provided cleaning services, and set up equipment for campus special events and activities for the entire campus at Columbia, as well as the Lawrence County Center, Lewisburg Site, and the Williamson County Center; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pry has played an integral role in the school's expansion in Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg, Franklin, Clifton and Waverly; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia State staff and students will miss the leadership, expertise, and efforts of Jim Pry. The state of Tennessee has been served well by this non-native "Volunteer" as an employee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pry's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to James Arthur Pry our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.